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Israel Court Unveils Case Of Cairo Spy

Tel Aviv, March 23 (Reuters)

—In the secret struggle between spies and counter-agents raging in the shadows of the perennial Arab-Israel conflict the case of a man called "Zaki" is outstanding.

A Cairo-born Armenian photographer was transformed into an ordinary inconspicuous Jewish resident of Israel. The young man working for Egyptian intelligence became a "Jewish immigrant from Brazil."

He lived in a Kibbutz, served in the Israeli army and settled in a suburb of Ashkelon where not even his most intimate friends suspected anything.

An Israeli court recently sentenced 26-year-old Kivurk Jacobian to 18 years in prison. He had nearly two years under the alias of Yitzhak (Zaki) Kutchuk. "Zaki" pleaded guilty to eight counts of espionage.

New Personality

Here was a case of the careful building up of a new "personality" down to the smallest detail, the "planting" of a lone agent, the planning for a long-term project.

At his trial, the prosecutor said Jacobian at 20 became the provider for his family in Cairo when his father died.

In 1959 Jacobian agreed to become an undercover agent in Israel.

He got a salary, a promise that all his debts would be paid and that his mother, who needed expensive medical treatment, would be taken care of. Jacobian signed up for three years.

Then came detailed espionage courses, facts and information about life in Israel as well as how to dodge "shadows," how to pass on his information and other trade secrets.

Took Course in Judaism

He was given the name of Yitzhak (Zaki) Kutchuk. His parents became a non-existing family of Jews from Turkey.

All the necessary documents were provided. He was given a course in Judaism, Jewish customs and traditions. He underwent circumcision, and associated under his new identity with Cairo Jews.

As a stateless person of Jewish parentage "Zaki" obtained immigration papers for Brazil. There, he contacted an agent of the Egyptian intelligence.

He posed as a Jew and associated with members of the local Jewish community.

When he applied for immigration papers to Israel, they were readily granted.

In Israel, being of military age, he was soon recruited into the Army where he served a year.

Only a day or two before his arrest, "Zaki" applied to the Defense Ministry for a job as a photographer.

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